being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Restructuring of departments by ERC

1693. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Departments identified by the Expenditure Reforms Commission for restructuring/downsizing;

(b) the number of Group C and D employees likely to be rendered surplus, once the recommendation of the Expenditure Reforms Commission are implemented;

(c) the amount of expenditure on the voluntary retirement scheme made available to employees declared surplus; and

(d) whether voluntary retirement scheme will be available to employees not declared surplus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has submitted in all 10 reports covering 36 Ministries/Departments and four specific issues namely, Food Subsidy, Fertilizer Subsidy, Autonomous Institutions and Optimizing staff strength.

(b) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has identified surplus manpower of around 42,000 at various levels in these Ministries/ Departments. The Recommendations are at present at various stages of implementation. The number of Group C and D employees rendered surplus would be known only after recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission are implemented fully.

(c) A token provision of Rs. 100.00 crore has been proposed in the BE for the year 2002-2003.

(d) No, Sir.